

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please **AMEND** the specification as follows:

Page 10, line 11, change "are" to --area--.

Page 12, line 19, change "case" to --cases--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **ADD** new claim 13, as follows.

--13. (NEW) A method for providing communication at a first transmission rate in a radio LAN, comprising:

time-divisionally distributing a first signal at the first transmission rate into n-1 second signals, wherein n is greater than 2; and

converting the respective n-1 second signals into n-1 third signals at a second transmission rate less than the first transmission rate; and

transmitting the n-1 third signals between n-1 radio base stations and a terminal unit.--

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-13 are pending and claim 13 has been newly added. The specification has been amended to improve its form. A new abstract, replacing the originally filed abstract, is included herein. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.